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RESPONSE

This Response is in reply to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 6, 2006,
 and includes the following sections:

1. Introductory Comments, beginning on page 2; and
2. Remarks beginning on page 3.

Also enclosed with this response is the following:

1. Request for One-Month Extension of Time;
2. Credit Card Payment Form for the extension of time and terminal disclaimer fees;
3. Terminal Disclaimer over pending applications; and
4. Terminal Disclaimer over issued patents.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This communication is responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed on January 6, 2006. Claims 28-36 are pending in the current application. In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 28-36.

By this Response, the Applicant hereby submits terminal disclaimers to obviate rejections on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting. The Applicant traverses the Examiner's rejection of claims 28-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Reconsideration and allowance of claims 28-36 in view of the terminal disclaimers and accompanying Remarks is respectfully requested.